

making the news

WASHINGTON — A small band of American Nazis won an important legal fight Monday as the Supreme Court left intact decisions allowing Nazi demonstrations in Skokie, Ill.

The nation's highest court refused to hear arguments by Skokie officials that the Nazis' free-speech rights must yield to the rights of the Chicago suburb's many Jewish residents.

Monday's action apparently will carry no immediate impact for Skokie, home to several thousand survivors of the Nazi holocaust during World War II.

The Nazi group earlier this year won court approval to demonstrate in Skokie, but decided instead to hold two summer rallies in a Chicago park.

The village's ordinances that had barred such rallies, however, remain invalidated as unconstitutional infringements on free speech. Unless those lower court rulings are someday overruled by the Supreme Court, the Nazis are free to peaceably demonstrate in Skokie.

PRETORIA, South Africa — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance handed South African leaders a letter from Pres. Carter Monday as five Western countries tried to persuade the South Africans to accept new negotiations for independence in South-West Africa.

American sources said Vance and William Edmondson, the U.S. ambassador to South Africa, met privately with Prime Minister Pieter Botha to deliver the letter.

The contents were not disclosed, but it was presumed to contain a personal appeal from Carter aimed at softening South Africa's opposition to a U.N. plan for transition to independence and black-majority rule in South-West Africa.

OREGON — Smoldering slash burns were fanned by wind into major fires that burned about 800 acres in Oregon forests during the weekend.

All the fires were under control Monday but some were still burning, state and federal fire dispatchers said.

The largest fire burned 185 acres along Black Creek in the Willamette National Forest 20 miles southeast of Oakridge.

The fire, which began Friday from a slash burn, charred 100 acres in the Waldo Lake Roadless Area. Crews controlled the blaze Sunday in steep terrain.

A slash fire that appeared to be out last Monday erupted into a 173-acre blaze on Friday as 30 mile-an-hour winds hit the Blue River area about 30 miles east of Eugene.

The fire, mostly on Rosboro Timber Co. land, was controlled Sunday night.

Nobel prize goes to American prof


STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP)— American economist Herbert Simon won the 1978 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science Monday for pioneering research into the way complex organizations such as multinational companies make their business decisions.

The 62-year-old professor at the Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., also was hailed by the Swedish Academy of Sciences for his broad research in social science fields.

Simon, reached by telephone at his home in Pittsburgh, said he was "very surprised and pleased" at the award.

A Milwaukee native, Simon is the seventh American to receive the economic prize in 10 years and is the fourth U.S. Nobel laureate to be named this year.

The prizes in physics and chemistry are to be awarded Tuesday. A date for the awarding of the peace prize has not been announced.



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Senate ethics panel asks prosecution in Park case

WASHINGTON (AP)— The Senate ethics committee said Monday it found "substantial credible evidence" that either Sen. Birch Bayh or one of his aides broke the law in the Korean influence-buying scandal and asked the Justice Department to consider prosecution.

However, the committee also said it found no evidence that South Korean gifts to senators ever succeeded in influencing a single senator. One member of the committee said the report "exonerates members of the Senate from any wrongdoing" in the scandal.

The ethics committee in its final report said it is asking the Justice Department to determine whether perjury charges would be justified in connection with payments to Bayh and two former senators and whether Bayh or an aide broke the law by taking \$1,000 in the Capitol.

A 1948 law, apparently never enforced, prohibits congressmen from accepting contributions on federal property. Bayh has denied he took the money in the Capitol.

The committee said it is turning over possible "perjurious testimony" in connection with alleged payments made or arranged by Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park to Bay, D-Ind.; former Sen. Jack Miller, R-Iowa; and Sen. Hubert Humphrey's 1972 presidential campaign.

The committee said Park gave Humphrey's campaign at least \$5,000 but said there is no evidence Humphrey knew about it.

The committee said in a final report that Humphrey's campaign and the late Sen. John McClellan, D-Ark., broke laws by failing to report 1972 contributions. But it said the statute of limitations on those violations ran out in 1975, meaning they cannot now be prosecuted.

The committee said it found "substantial credible evidence" that either Bayh or an aide, Jason Berman, took \$1,000 from a lobbyist friend of Park's during a meeting in the Capitol on Oct. 8, 1974.

It said Park testified he personally contributed \$1,500 to \$1,800 to Bayh's campaign, possibly at the same meeting before Bayh arrived.

"If either contribution was received at that meeting, then a crime was committed," the committee said.

"Moreover, if Mr. Park's contribution was accepted, then a second crime may have been committed because the contribution was not publicly reported," the committee report said.

Bayh and Berman denied either of them got any money from Park and said the \$1,000 was legally received through the mail and not in Bayh's Capitol office.

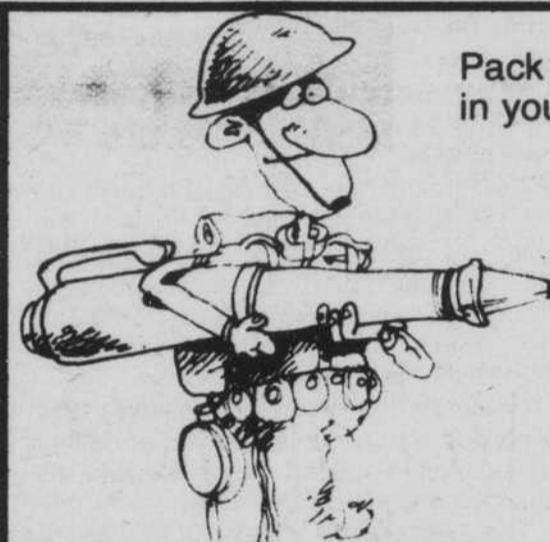
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